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TAGS: PGOV, PEPR, PINS, PL
SUBJECT: SITREP NO. 48

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HOLIDAY SECURITY LEVELS: TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT?
SECURITY PRESENCE IN WARSAW CONTINUED AT REDUCED LEVELS
FOR THE SECOND FULL DAY DEC. 27. LIKELY EXPLANATION FOR THIS REDUCTIO
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S IS A) HOLIDAY R&R FOLLOWING ARDUOUS
DUTY; B) "COLD WEATHER INJURIES," SUCH AS
RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, AND FROSTBITE (EMBASSY HAS EVEN
HEARD REPORTS OF GANGRENE); C) VEHICLE REPAIRS AND MAIN-
TENANCE; D) THE ABSENCE OF DISTURBANCES IN THE CITY.
THE KEY UNANSWERED QUESTION, OF COURSE, IS WHETHER AND
WHEN THE AUTHORITIES WILL BRING BACK PREVIOUS STRENGTH
LEVELS, USING REINFORCEMENTS EASILY AVAILABLE OUTSIDE
THE CITY. WHEN THE POST-HOLIDAY WORK WEEK BEGINS
DEC. 28, EMBASSY OBSERVERS WILL BE WATCHING CLOSELY
FOR THE POSSIBLE REAPPEARANCE OF NOW ABSENT VEHICLES
AND SECURITY FORCES ON FOOT.

3. JARUZELSKI ADVISER ON U.S. POLICY
N.Y. TIMES CORRESPONDENT TOLD EMBASSY THAT HE HAS FILED
THROUGH POLISH OFFICIAL CHANNELS A BACKGROUND INTERVIEW
(NO DIRECT ATTRIBUTION) WITH JARUZELSKI'S ADVISER
WIESLAW GORNICKI, IN WHICH GORNICKI CLAIMS THAT
PRESIDENT REAGAN'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE COUNTRY'S
MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL DRIVE THIS GOVERNMENT INTO
THE ARMS OF THE SOVIETS AND PERHAPS EVEN INTO A NEW
STALINIST PERIOD. THE CORRESPONDENT, IN DISCUSSING
HIS PERCEPTIONS OF GORNICKI'S LINE, STATED THAT
GORNICKI OBVIOUSLY WISHED TO COMMUNICATE HOW
UNDESIRABLE THE JARUZELSKI GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER
A RETURN TO THE BAD OLD DAYS AND HOW STRONG ITS
COMMITMENT IS TO KEEPING POLISH AFFAIRS IN POLISH HANDS.

4. TV NEWSCAST, DEC. 27

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POLISH TV ANNOUNCED THE EVENING OF DEC. 27 THAT THE MAJORITY OF POLES WILL HAVE A SMALLER MEAT RATION BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1982. THE PRINCIPAL EXCEPTION WILL BE AMONG WORKERS IN HEAVY INDUSTRY. THE REDUCTION WAS ATTRIBUTED TO LOWER POULTRY PRODUCTION RESULTING FROM CUT-OFF OF U.S. GRAIN SUPPLY. THE TELECAST ALSO SHOWED FILM OF FORMER POLISH AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN RURARZ'S HOME, WHICH IS TO BE TURNED INTO A CHILDREN'S SHELTER. THE STORY DISAPPROVINGLY EMPHASIZED THE HOUSE'S PALATICAL SIZE AND OPULENT APPOINTMENTS. THERE WAS NO MENTION, HOWEVER, OF THE AMBASSADOR'S EMOTIONAL STABILITY. PICTURES OF FORMER AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI'S WARSAW APARTMENT ALSO WERE SHOWN.

5. SUNDAY MASS

EMBASSY CHRUCHGOERS DEC. 27 SAW AND HEARD NOTHING REMARKABLE AT SUNDAY MASSES. ONLY ITEM OF INTEREST REPORTED BY EMBOFFS WAS REREADING OF THE PRIMATE'S CHRISTMAS LETTER, WITHOUT POLITICAL EDITORIAL.

6. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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